amendment is the bill. Okay, stand by just a minute here. Stand by just a minute. Senator Mahoney, will you clarify this for the Chair please? Is that a committee amendment and are you asking?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes, I'm asking that the amendment I brought be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Okay, I'm sorry. Once again, the question is shall the committee amendment be adopted. All those in favor, please say aye. Those opposed, say no. Okay, the committee amendment is adopted. The ayes have it. Now, Senator Mahoney, do you want to move the bill? Are there other amendments to the bill? Senator Wiltse. I can't see you, Senator, that's the problem.

SENATOR WILTSE: I move to advance the bill as adopted.

PRESIDENT: All right, now the question is, shall LB779 as amended be advanced from General File to E & R initial. All those in favor, vote aye. All those opposed, vote no. No wonder I was having so much trouble. All right. The question is shall LB779 as amended be advanced from General File to E & R initial. Have you all voted? Once again, have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Bill's advanced. Brings up LB790, Senator Cal Carsten's bill.

CLERK: Read LB790. Mr. President, Senator Epke's name had previously been added to the bill. There are committee amendments by Senator John Cavanaugh, vice-chairman of the Miscellaneous Subjects.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, do you want to handle the amendments to LB790?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I think Senator Carsten will.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'll take the committee amendments. I move the committee amendments be adopted, Mr. President. The committee amendment, all it does is put back into the original bill what was deleted that referred to the City of Lincoln. It was an unintentional drafting and the City of Lincoln and the Council of Governments got together and agreed on this amendment. It does not affect the City of Lincoln at all.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the committee amendments? Then the question is, shall the committee amendments be adopted. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. So ordered. Committee amendment is adopted. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This bill was brought to me by the Council of Governments which does provide for some state assistance in operations of the Council of Governments. We have found in the last two or three years that cities, county boards, are realizing that they have to work together to plan ahead for many projects. It is even requested by some of the federal funding and they have done this up to this point voluntarily with voluntary contributions but they have now reached a point where some of them do need directorship. So they may be available, everything that is available to them on a planning basis and that's the reason for the bill. It sets it up for districts and does give some state assistance in their budget.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the bill? Senator Chambers? Did you want to be heard on the bill? Question is then, shall LB790